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TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE - "THE COMMUNIST SECRET PLAN FOR SEIZING
POWER; WHAT VILLE PESSI REVEALED LAST YEAR IN OSLO"

(The Following is a Literal Translation of those Portions
of the Article which Bear on Lasky's Citation)

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On 21 March 1953 a secret conference of Nordic Communists was held in Oslo, at which Ville Pessi, secretary-general of the FCP, was in attendance. When the Finnish Communists were accused of inactivity, although they had had advantageous situations after the war that they could have used, Pessi revealed to the group, which he could trust, the method of operations currently followed by the FCP in Finland. Pessi's revelations of the plans of the Finnish Communists to use eastern trade for political purposes -- with the seizure of power as the final objective -- are shocking....

Using an interpreter who called himself Romberg, Pessi said.... "But the game is not yet ended. Our new tactical line is as follows: We have initiated a powerful campaign to orient the foreign trade in even greater degree toward the east. We shall continue this campaign with all of the methods at our disposal, until 40 to 50 percent of the trade is carried on with the Soviet Union and the people's democracies. Finland will thereby be drawn into the Soviet orbit and made dependent upon it."

"Then, at a suitable opportunity, this trade will be suddenly terminated, which event may be made to occur as a surprise. The Finnish rightist elements always provide possibilities for such situations. When Finland is completely dependent on eastern trade for such vital commodities as grain, fuel, and many others, the paralysis of foreign trade will first cause an economic crisis, and then a political crisis, widespread unemployment and unrest. The situation will rapidly become such that it will be necessary to invite the Communists into the government (i.e., cabinet). We will, of course, immediately tackle these difficulties. Trade will be revived. But once we have gained entry into the government, we will not again be thrown out, as happened in 1948. We will also see to it next time that we will not include among us traitors of the ilk of Leino."

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In conclusion, Pessi said that this plan should be kept a close-guarded secret, and that he really has no right to reveal it. But since the circle of colleagues was so small, and since the Finnish Communists had been accused of laxity, he had taken the risk and explained the plan. It would be fine, he said, if the Communists of other countries also make strong demands for increased East-West trade....

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